# Franklin Learning Center

Learning Activity Packet

Subject: Course #

LAP # Title:

**Standards:**

5.3.9. Explain the election process and political parties’ role

5.2.9. Explain the importance of the political process to competent and responsible participation in civic life.

A. **Introduction:** Students will research a candidate’s stand on an issue and create promotion for he candidate based on the issue. Students will use a wiki to collect and organize information and to collaborate. The students will choose the means by which to present their promotional piecs.

B. **Behavioral Objectives**

1. Research a political candidate’s position on a selected issue
2. Investigate the importance of issue and its role in the election
3. Collaborate with another student on the issues
4. Create a promotion for a presidential candidate focusing on one issue

C. **Vocabulary**

* Platform
* Plank
* Interest group
* Sound bite

D. **Activities / Projects**

1. Activity 1- Research and analyze the candidate’s position on a specific issue
2. Activity 2 Organize and record the candidate’s position on the PBL wiki Project 1
   * Connect the position to specific voter and interest groups
   * Assess the importance of the issue in key states
3. Activity 3-Collaborate with another student on the issues (using the wiki discussion tab)
4. Activity 4-Project-Create one component of a political campaign supporting either John McCain or Barak Obama
   * Create one of the following reflecting the candidate’s position:
     + Campaign speech
     + 30-second campaign ad
     + Editorial
     + Political Cartoon
     + Video
     + Podcast
     + Other

E. **Resources**- Internet sites and resources, PBL wiki

F. **Assessment Rubric**

* Activity 1 Assessment-observation of student, in class observation
* Activity 2 Assessment of notes on wiki
* Activity 3 Review of discussions on the wiki, assess the quality of the discussion
* Project Rubric-content based

1. Instructional Accommodations / Alternative Assessments-as needed